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GLOOMY NEW YEAR
IN COKE REGION.Frick Company Has All
Plants But Four Banked
This Week.

WILL BLOW OUT 4,000 OVENS

The Coming Week, According to Good Authority, Leaving But 7,000 Frick Ovens in the Region—Several Thousands More Will Be Thrown Out of Employment.

The New Year does not dawn happily upon the Connellville coke region. This week all but four of the H. C. Frick Coke Company's 30 active coke plants were banked, and it is reported on good authority that not less than 4,000 of its 11,000 active ovens will be blown out next week and many works closed down. This will mean several thousand men out of work.

The H. C. Frick Coke Company is the coke branch of the United States Steel Corporation. It owns 65 plants in the Connellville and Lower Connellville regions aggregating 29,317 ovens. Of these there have been in operation fully or partially 29 plants with 11,017 active ovens. The Steel Corporation has coke operations in West Virginia and some by-product operations at Gary, Ind., but these are reported to have been doing little. President Thomas Lynch of the H. C. Frick Coke Company was quoted concerning the situation, but following the uniform policy of the company he declined to talk for publication. However, it is learned from other sources in close touch with the situation and the circumstances that this shut-down is the reflection from New York of the steel and iron situation. The representatives of these interests will meet there, January 11, to confer concerning the situation and map out their future policy. Until this is done, there will be nothing definite about the situation. While it looks rather gloomy, it may be well to remember that the holiday period is usually dull and that there is likely to be more activity after it is over, and especially after the steel conference mentioned is concluded, but of this there are no positive assurances. Uncertainty, rules and pessimism is at a premium in industrial circles.

It is not yet publicly announced where that 4,000 ovens mentioned above will be relegated to the idle class, but it is positively stated that approximately that number will be blown out indefinitely. It is possible, however, that some of them may remain banked. A banked oven, that is one filled with coke and tightly sealed, will remain hot for weeks.

The Steel Corporation has banked a number of its furnaces and greatly restricted its mill operations. This has necessitated the curtailment of its coke production. For some time past the H. C. Frick Coke Company has had considerable stock coke on its yards. The Steel Corporation is also loaded up with some Connellville coke contracts outside of its own operations and they believe it is smart down more of its ovens than it otherwise would have to do.

For example one operation of 1,100 ovens had a contract with a steel company running through a long period of years and expiring in 1915. The United States Steel Corporation bought the steel plant and took over the unexpired contract, which requires the Steel Corporation to take the entire product of the coke company. Long the producer has in operation sufficient blast furnace capacity to consume the coke output at the mill ovens. The Steel Corporation has approximately 45% of its blast furnace capacity in operation, but under the circumstances it requires the production of only about 35% of its coke ovens.

Company D vs. High School. At 8:15 in the Armory this evening the Company D basketball five will contest with that of the High School. A good game is promised. An admission of 10 cents will be charged. Dancing will be indulged in following the game.

Met Death at High House. Through an error in yesterday's Courier, it was stated that Playford Townsend had been killed in the New Year. The accident occurred near High House in the Lower Connellville region.

Crusade Begun on Slot Machines
By Chief of Police Hetzel Today.

Chief of Police George Hetzel this morning inaugurated a crusade against slot machines throughout the city, and several notices on the proprietors of all stores using them. The ban has been placed on all devices of this kind by which money is paid and chance taken out of securing its value.

DARING MOISANT MEETS
DEATH IN AEROPLANE.His Machine Capsized 100 Feet in Air Near New Orleans
This Morning and Fall is Fatal.

United Press Telegram.
NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 31.—Flying for the Michelin prize of \$10,000, for the longest flight in France for the longest distance, John B. Moisant, a native of Chicago and former soldier of fortune in Central America, was killed today when his aeroplane fell upon him at Harahan, 10 miles from this city.

Moisant's flight from Paris to London across the English channel, with his mechanic and a kitten as passengers, brought him fame as an aviator. He had taken up flying only a few days before, having come to France from New Orleans, where he had been a soldier of fortune.

Moisant, in the international meet at Long Island, won the \$10,000 prize for a race from the Belmont aviation field to the Statue of Liberty and return. After the meet Moisant accepted an offer of \$100,000 a year to become a member of a team of aviators and started on an exhibition tour of the country. His feats at Memphis and other cities were easily the features of the meeting. He was unmarried and about 26 years old.

In his 50 horsepower Blériot monoplane, Moisant reached Harahan in safety. He landed almost immediately and reascended, prepared to fly until late this afternoon, then to complete a spectacular record by a return flight to the aviation field here.

The aviator circled the field at Harahan three or four times at an elevation of perhaps 200 feet. Suddenly something went wrong with the machine. It bucked and pitched downward. Moisant meantime was fighting valiantly to regain his balance.

At a height of perhaps 100 feet the strap which held Moisant in his seat broke and he was precipitated from his machine. He fell like a lead, outdistancing the machine to the ground. Horrified spectators rushed to the wounded man and picked him up. He was still breathing. He was hurried to a flat car and a special train started back to the city. Before its arrival here Moisant died without regaining consciousness. How the accident occurred will never be known as the machine was completely wrecked.

Camp W. E. Brown
Will Meet Sunday

With the intention of making the coming reunion the best the Tenth Regiment Veterans' Army over held, Camp W. E. Brown, will meet in the Armory tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock and take preliminary steps looking to the entertainment of the veterans here on July next.

At this meeting the camp will also select officers for the ensuing year. It is expected that the preliminary committee will be appointed to take up the preparatory work in connection with the gathering in June.

Camp Walter B. Brown is the strongest in the State. It has 63 members, most of whom have displayed an active interest in the affairs of the organization. The meetings are usually well attended.

The visit of the Philippine veterans here next June will mark their second trip to a reunion in Connellville and the local organization is anxious to make this the most pleasant of all. Last year the Tenth held its reunion at New Brighton.

Public Schools
Open Again Monday

The local public schools and the township schools will resume on Monday morning after a two week's vacation. The High School faculty and the High School teachers had only a week's vacation and the teachers in the week derived great benefit from the Dunbar township teachers' recent two weeks of their vacation attending institutes. The first week they attended the Fayette county institute held at Uniontown, and the second week was spent at the local institute.

Two new primary rooms will be established on Monday morning in the local schools, with Miss Lillian Edmunds and Miss Sara Moreland as teachers.

An Earthquake
Shakes Frisco

United Press Telegram.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Citizens of San Francisco saw visions of another earthquake disaster today when a strong quake was felt at 4:20 A. M. Shakes rattled in many houses, buildings rocked and many sleepers were awakened in terror, but so far as has been reported no damage was done.

Only one shock was felt. A special meeting of the German Beneficial Union will be held Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Charles Werner on South Sixth street, West Side. The meeting is an important one and all members are urged to attend. The annual election of officers will take place.

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SENATORS WERE
THE EASY MARKS.Adams County Voters Made
Them Come Across With
Bales of Bills.

CONGRESSMEN HIT HARD

None Was Able to Stand the Strain
and National Campaign Funds Were
Shipped to Grasping Voters—At
Least 1,200 Under Indictment Now.

United Press Telegram.
WEST UNION, O., Dec. 31.—With the opening of court today 73 new indictments for vote selling were reported, bringing the total up to at least 1,200. The court having lost track of the exact number. For the first time since the investigation and confessions began a few of the indicted ones entered pleas of not guilty and announced their intention of standing trial. One of these, however, John W. McCoy, a prominent Franklin township farmer, after declaring his innocence to the court started home, but after covering 10 miles of the distance was stricken with apoplexy and, walking all the way home, was taken to the hospital. Judge Blair imposed no additional penalty for his first evasion of the truth. John Snyder, a West Union negro who pleaded guilty today and took his medicine, went bitterly to the court when the disgraceful penalty was imposed.

Men with senatorial ambition, it developed today, were the favorite prey of the money mad politicians and voters in the county. The list of names of whom have been indicted to the number of nearly 1,200, with more to follow. A senatorial canvass was considered a juicy melon cutting in Adams county and usually brought a flood of money into the county. Senatorial candidates were bled and leached.

In 1908, when Charles P. Taft, brother of the President, had ambitions to be a United States Senator, there was into Adams county from Cincinnati county, it is declared, \$8,000 for the rolling up of a good number on the legislative ticket. Senatorial candidates, however, had no means of knowing how their money was to be spent. It is said it was represented to candidates that money was needed for legitimate campaign expenses and they fell readily for the suggestion.

Every man who ran for Congress in the district in which Adams county is located was bled by both Democrats and Republicans. No Congressman was ever able by himself to pay the price; so money was sent into Adams county from the general national campaign fund and from the State campaign fund.

J. C. Grooms, general real estate agent for the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, his assistant, Charles You and Attorney French, company conveyancer, composed the party. They, together with West Side real estate men, through the transactions. Properties paid for were those of: Mrs. Annie Lamm, house and lot on east side of North Ninth street; C. S. Freed, house and lot on west side of North Seventh street; Mrs. Sallie Allen, house and two lots on west side of North Seventh street; Benjamin McGraw, five lots, one house and a store room on east side of North Eighth street and two lots, a single house and a double house on west side of same street; John Paleone, house and lot on west side of North Eighth street; Frank P. Cochran, vacant lot on east side of North Ninth street.

It is said by people in a position to know that the railroad company has taken over all property that they will accept and have closed the options. Not one half of the money has been paid over, however, and it was said this morning that this matter will probably be completed in about a month, providing the company proceeds as they have in the past few weeks. The men are kept very busy putting the details of the transaction in proper shape for the closing of the deals.

Legislators Off
for Harrisburg

The Fayette county delegation to the State Legislature will leave tonight or tomorrow for Harrisburg to attend the opening session of the Legislature, which convenes next Monday. Most of the legislators will make the trip to the State capital tomorrow.

Fayette county needs to Harrisburg this year State Senator W. B. Crow, Assemblyman J. S. Carroll, D. D. Johnson and Harry Hornell, and Chief Clerk H. M. Kephart of the State Senate.

Posse Chases Robbers.
ENH, Ohio, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—A sheriff's posse with three bloodhounds is pursuing robbers who wrecked the vault of the State Bank of Driftwood, near here today. The posse secured \$2,200 of the bank's cash.

Operated on for Appendicitis. Silas Clark, who was operated on for appendicitis at the Cottage State hospital, returned to his home at McClellandtown today.

Larimer Stillwagon Ill. Larimer Stillwagon has been confined to his bed at his home on East Main street for several days past. This morning his condition seemed to be somewhat improved.

RESUME OF HAPPENINGS
DURING THE YEAR 1910.Andrew Carnegie Led in Benefactions; Suicides Show Gain
Over 1909; Lynchings Were Fewer.

United Press Telegram.
CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Peering the fact that during the year 1910 America made public gifts of \$111,694,238, the Chicago Tribune today prints a lengthy compilation of the benefactions, suicides, disasters, fires, railroad fatalities and other data of public interest concerning the activities and happenings of the last two months. Andrew Carnegie, with gifts amounting to \$19,641,225 for the year heads the list of givers. John D. Rockefeller with \$16,029,000 comes next. Mrs. Russell Sage with \$2,388,150 is third, and J. Pierpont Morgan with \$1,010,000 is fourth and next in the millionaire dollar class. The suicide record for 1910 in America shows 15,698 victims as compared with 10,220 in 1909. Of these 5,372 were male and 4,326 female. The loss of life in general disasters in America this year is given as follows:

Drowning 5,112, fires 3,562, mines 1,001, storms 255, explosions 351, electrical 195, lightning 101, asphyxiation 329, elevators 112, automobiles 920. Losses by fire in 1910 are approximately \$222,000,000 as compared with \$191,000,000 in 1909. Railroad fatalities during the year amount to 3,320 and 21,856 were injured. Embellishment during the year totaled about \$25,000,000 as compared with \$8,000,000 in 1909. Other data shows that about 104 persons were legally executed during the year, of whom fifty were white, 53 negroes and one Indian. Thirty-seven of these executions were in northern states and 67 in southern. Seventy-four lynchings occurred during the year as against 87 last year. Of the total there were 9 whites and 65 negroes, three of the latter being women. There was but one lynching in the North. That was in Ohio.

Meet With Mr. Harrison. A committee of 100 striking mechanics of the B. & O. will meet Master Mechanic P. J. Harrison today to arrange for a return of the men of the shops Tuesday.

Library Will Be Closed. The Connellville Free Library will be closed on Friday.

MERCHANT MOVES
MEET WITH DELAY.McClaren and Horner Will
Not Change Locations
Until July 1.

YOUTH BANK IS DELAYED

It Will Not Be Ready for Occupancy Before March 1 at Earliest and Merchants Will Not Move in Middle of Busy Season.

Because of delays in the construction of the new Youth National Bank several changes in the retail lines will be deferred until a later date than was intended. Neither J. W. McClaren nor E. W. Horner will move into their locations now until next summer, according to statements made today.

J. W. McClaren has secured the room to be vacated by the Youth bank and E. W. Horner will move from the "White Front" building to McClaren's store. The bank expected to occupy its new building February 15 and the first of March would have been the fitting of the goods' furnishing establishments.

As it is now, it is hardly likely the bank will be moved before March 1 and it may be later than that. Such being the case, the merchants will not change their places of business in the midst of a busy spring season and will probably defer moving until about July 1.

It was rumored today that F. W. Woolworth & Company have bought the store under consideration with a view to leasing a 5 and 10 cent store here, but it is hardly expected there will be developments along this line until the time for Mr. Horner to vacate approaches nearer.

The marble work and vault of the new bank has been back the work until now the contractors are three weeks behind on the contract. Until the marble is delivered and little progress can be made and the work is now going on but slowly.

Glass Works to
Start Tuesday

The new glass plant of Ripley & Company at Stone, Connellville will begin operations on Tuesday. About 100 men will be given employment at the start and this increased later.

The company will manufacture glass jars for confections at the start and will later extend their activities along other lines of table glassware.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.
Issued to E. H. Reppert in Estate of Levi Springer.

Letters of administration were granted today to the estate of Levi H. Springer, died in the sum of \$29,000 with E. H. Reppert and J. V. Thompson as sureties was filed.

In the estate of E. C. Griffith, Judge R. E. Unbel made an order directing the Citizens Title & Trust Company to pay the wife, Martha C. Griffith, \$50 monthly for her support.

An order was made on the recommendation of the superintendent of Huntington, for the release of James Dillon from that institution.

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STUART IS NAMED
CHIEF ENGINEER.Successor on B. & O. to A.
W. Thompson, Well
Known Here.

HE HAS HAD RAPID RISE

Was in Charge of Construction of B. & O. From Uniontown to Morgan-town and Afterwards Supervisor of Fairmont Division.

To an old Baltimore & Ohio man who has made a big reputation for himself in his chosen field has fallen the appointment as chief engineer of the Baltimore & Ohio, to succeed A. W. Thompson, who was promoted to be general manager. Francis Lee Stuart is the man selected to fill the position, and the appointment was announced yesterday. Mr. Stuart began his engineering career with the Baltimore & Ohio, and after a remarkably successful career with the Erie railroad and in other fields he is returning to his first love. His appointment becomes effective on January 1.

Mr. Stuart entered the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio in 1884 as roadman with one of the then most noted of railway chief engineers, the late James L. Randolph of the Baltimore & Ohio. He served as levelman, transitman and then as resident engineer in charge of construction of the line between Uniontown and Morgantown, W. Va., and also of construction work in the Connellville region. Later he was supervisor in charge of the line from Connellville to Fairmont.

Leaving the Baltimore & Ohio service in 1904, Mr. Stuart became an expert for the United States Government, in connection with the Nicaragua Canal Commission, having directed the topographical and hydrographic survey of the San Juan River from Lake Nicaragua to the sea. He was in charge of the estimates of cost of the various canal variants in Nicaragua, remaining until the Isthmian Canal Commission was formed, and as division engineer presided the commission to Nicaragua and prepared the organization.

In 1909 the call back to the Baltimore & Ohio was too strong for him to resist, and he then became assistant engineer on location and construction his jurisdiction gradually extending and his appointment following to the position of district engineer in charge of the development of the low-grade trunk line improvements. He was assistant general manager and the two men learned to know each other well. In 1901 Mr. Stuart was transferred to Baltimore as engineer of surveys of the entire system, under Chief Engineer Graham, and when in 1903 the latter accepted the position of vice president of the Erie railroad he went with him as chief engineer of that company.

Driscoll Goes Up
With Western Union

P. F. Driscoll, brother of former Superintendent J. J. Driscoll of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and of James J. Driscoll of the Courier, has been promoted to General Vice Chief of the Western Union in Pittsburgh. Mr. Driscoll assumes his new position with the Western Union tomorrow. For many years he was Vice Chief in the Pittsburgh office of the Baltimore & Ohio and a short time ago retired from the railroad to accept a responsible position with the commercial company.

Miss Bittner Resigns. Miss Etta Bittner has resigned her position as clerk in the dry goods department of the Wright-Motley Company. Her resignation takes effect today. Miss Bittner has been with the company for several years and was one of its most popular and efficient clerks.

Warmer Weather. Increasing cloudiness with rain or snow late tonight or Sunday and warmer.

Funeral Tomorrow
at Confluence

Funeral services over the remains of Harry S. McClure will be held tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from his late home at Confluence. Connellville persons who desire to attend the services will have to leave here on B. & O. train No. 45, arriving here at 8:45 and leaving at 8:50 A. M.

Joshua Thompson Buys Lot. Joshua Thompson, the West Side barber, closed a deal this morning with John Duggan, Sr. for a lot on Blackstone's lane. Mr. Thompson sold his property to the Western Maryland railroad company and will build a home on Blackstone's lane.

Will Wed This Evening. The marriage of Miss Beatrice Victoria Bailey, daughter of J. R. Bailey of the West Side, and Charles May will be solemnized this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Christian church parsonage. Rev. C. M. Watson, the pastor, will officiate.

A Deputy Sheriff Shot at Export
From Ambush and Hurried to Hospital.

United Press Telegram.
GREENSBURG, Dec. 31.—Deputy Sheriff George Kretley, aged 23 was shot from ambush early this morning following an outbreak at the plant of the Westmoreland Coal Company at Export. The bullet penetrated the back of the deputy's head. A special train was made up at 1 o'clock this morning and the victim accompanied by physicians and other deputies hurried to Pittsburgh.

Kretley was taken to the Mercy hospital at 2 o'clock this morning. At the hospital at noon today it was stated that Kretley was still unconscious and would probably die.

